

I think our individual rights, as guaranteed under the 1st Amendment's Freedom of Speech, will be unacceptably restricted if the proposed act allowing a corporation to own both a newspaper and a TV broadcasting company in the same geographic area, is passed as law. In order for our country to proceed as a truly free society, our citizens MUST be able to receive and send information from any source, whether it be commercial speech from a corporation in the interest of making a profit, or political speech from individuals who see a wrong and who need to alert fellow citizens of the wrong so that it can be improved. Without this very basic need to speak and listen freely upon which our country was founded, the very ideals which the lawmakers say will be furthered will in actuality only be threatened.